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1. YOU SHOULD CONVEY TO KULAGA AND SPASOWSKI THE DEPT'S APPRECIATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A MAN OF KULAGA'S STATURE TO THE CHIEF POLDEL POST AND, OF COURSE, SHOULD MAKE GENERAL POINTS PARA 5 REFTEL. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY HOWEVER TO EXPRESS OUR SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT THE RECENT TREND OF ICCS DEVELOPMENTS. SPECIFICALLY, ON
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THE HEELS OF A CONCERTED DRV/PRG EFFORT TO REDUCE THE SIZE

OF ICCS CONTINGENTS, AND THUS UNDOUBTEDLY TO CUT BACK ON COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND POTENTIAL, WE LEARN OF POLISH/HUNGARIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM A NUMBER OF SUBREGIONAL SITES. THE PRETEXT FOR THIS WITHDRAWAL, THAT AIR AMERICA SERVICE WAS TO BE CURTAILED, HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY AN AIR AMERICA COMMUNICATION THAT ITS SERVICE WAS NOT TO BE CUT, AND WE BELIEVE THE LATTER FACT TO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO THE WITHDRAWING DELEGATIONS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, SINCE THE OSTENSIBLE REASON FOR PULLING OUT HAS EVAPORATED, WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE THESE TEAMS RETURN TO THEIR POSTS OF DUTY WITH ALACRITY.

2. SUCH DEVELOPMENTS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE IRANIAN DELEGATION CANNOT HELP BUT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE NEWCOMERS. IF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEEK TO AID WHAT HAS ALL THE EARMARKS OF A DRV/VC CAMPAIGN TO UNDERMINE THE COMMISSION, ITS OBLIGATION IS CLEAR. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE POLES WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THE IRDEL IN ASSUMING ITS NEW DUTIES AND WOULD USE THE OCCASION OF THE IRANIANS' ARRIVAL TO WORK TOWARD A RENEWED, AND MORE VIGOROUS AND IMPARTIAL COMMISSION. HOPEFULLY AN OFFICIAL OF MR. KULAGA'S STANDING COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THAT END.

3. YOU SHOULD ALSO TAKE THIS OCCASION TO REQUEST THAT THE GOP URGENTLY PRESS THE DRV/VC FOR FURTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE COMMISSION. WHILE THE OTHER SIDE MAY HIDE BEHIND THE LEGAL ARGUMENT THAT PAYMENTS TO THE ICCS MUST AWAIT BUDGET APPROVAL, WE BELIEVE ITS OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO CARRY ON WITH ITS NORMAL DUTIES IS CLEAR. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH SUPPORT FROM THE DRV/VC THE ICCS NOW FACES THE IMMINENT CURTAILMENT OF BOTH COMMUNICATIONS AND AIR SERVICES, WITHOUT WHICH THE ICCS WILL SUBSTANTIALLY GRIND TO A HALT. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG ARE EACH ABOUT ONE-QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS BEHIND IN PAYING THE FULL SECOND TRANCHE AMOUNT REQUESTED MONTHS AGO BY THE ICCS. THE GVN HAS MET THE REQUEST IN FULL AND WE HAVE CONSIDERABLY BETTERED IT. THE DRV/VC SHOULD BE PRESSED, AT AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM, TO MAKE THE FULL SECOND TRANCHE PAYMENT. RUSH
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